IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Deborah A. Schade, Kimberly L. Merkel and

James W. Hansen

Application No.: 09/381,484

Group No.: 1617

Filed: February 28, 2000

Examiner: Shengjun Wang

For:

USE OF DOCOSAHEXAENOIC ACID AND ARACHIDONIC ACID ENHANCING THE

GROWTH OF PRETERM INFANTS

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month for filing a Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
- 3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
- 4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for other than small entity:

One month

\$110.00

Fee \$110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$110.00.

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on September 5, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

Attached is check number 25066 in the amount of \$880.00. This amount includes the Continued Prosecution Fee (\$770.00) and Extension of time fee (\$110.00).

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-2548.

A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Date: September 3, 2004

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